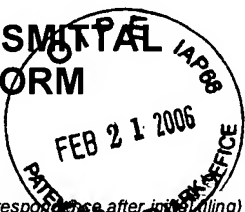
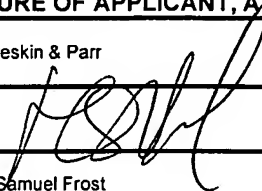


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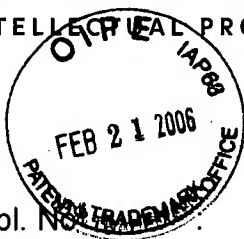
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## AMENDMENT / RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the office action of December 13, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.